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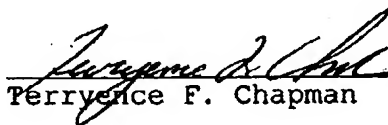
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Further to the Amendment After Final Rejection dated May 24, 2004, Applicants are enclosing herewith an executed copy of the Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132. As pointed out in the previously filed Amendment After Final Rejection, the enclosed Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 compares a cholesterol-substituted polysaccharide derivative according to the Akiyoshi et al reference with a polysaccharide derivative of the present invention prepared according to Example 1-3 in the present specification. As shown in the enclosed Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132, the cholesterol derivative prepared according to the Akiyoshi et al reference had a much higher impurity content than that of the present invention. Since the hydrophobic group-contained polysaccharide of the present invention is used as a material in medical use, such as a coating material for coating a drug-carrier enclosing medicaments, the very high purity achieved by the present invention clearly is an unexpected advantage and establishes the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the

prior art cited by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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